

DIRAUX NOTES

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

LCDR Kelly Boodell

DIVISION/FLOTILLA INVENTORY: Last month's mail out contained the wrong inventory list. All DCPs and FCs have a copy of the correct inventory list in this mail out. DCPs and FCs – If you have not submitted an inventory to DIRAUX on this form, please fill it out and submit it prior to the end of June. We need this information to efficiently determine the equipment that is out in the field, and where we can best expend funding when it is available. This is especially important for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as Mustang Suits etc... You may also submit with this inventory a "Wish List" including the equipment you would like to have.

AUXOP SPECIALTY EXAM REQUESTS: In order to provide a more timely response to requests for AUXOP exams, RCO-S Jack Feather will be receiving, mailing, grading, processing all requests for AUXOP exams beginning 10 May 2002. The Director's Office will continue to notify members of the score, and processing certificates etc.... Beginning on 10 May ensure all exam requests are sent to RDO-S Jack Feather. Any requests received here in the Director's Office after 10 May 2002 will be sent to Jack for processing.

AUX PATON VERIFICATION STATUS: As of April 30, 2002 19% of the PATON verifications have been completed. Our goal is to have a 20% completion rate at the end of every month until August until we reach 100% completion of all PATONS in the district by the Auxiliary! DSO-AV Mari Wussow has done incredible things streamlining this program; look for her to provide updates from QM1 Westcott as he compiles monthly statistics at the end of every month. For those Flotillas that have gotten off to a sleepy start on this, please realize that this is an incredible opportunity and we need your support to meet the impressive goals that I candidly think are very achievable! Thank you again for your participation!

BOAT US & WEST MARINE: All VSC coupons for this program will be distributed from AUXCEN, not ANSC because they contain advertising. The Auxiliary Association will absorb the mailing costs for distribution of these coupons. SO-VE may order Boat US VSC coupons (a new edition) through their DSO-MA from AUXCEN. Only SO-VE may submit orders to the DSO-MA for the flotillas in their division and shall designate the name and address to receive the order, normally FSO-VE.

WATER AND KIDS: This is the time of year to begin scheduling these classes. There are some new materials available, through the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC). Only seven or eight flotillas taught the Water and Kids courses last year. With new, updated course material, we should have more flotillas involved in 2002. Let's get involved! Check with our DSO PE Keith E. Harding, at E-mail: bkhardingwa@earthlink.net.

BOBBIE HEIM: It looks like the day has finally come, Bobbie Heim who has devoted over 35 years to Government Service is going to retire in June! (Yep AUXDATA did her in!) If you get the chance to wish her a farewell, I know she would love it! We will surely miss her!!!!

FROM OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

CWO4 Mike McKiernan

NEW OPERATIONS AND TRAINING OFFICER: As many of you know I am in route to retirement from the USCG. My replacement, CWO4 Paul Bellona, will be reporting in during the last week of May. Paul is coming to the Director's Office from a tour as First Lieutenant aboard the CGC Midgett home ported here in Seattle. Paul is bringing a vast amount of experience with him from a career aboard cutters and CG small boat stations. My official retirement date is 1 Feb 2003. I'll still be in and around the office, making visits to Division, Area, and the Sep District Meeting with Paul, and working on some projects until 1 Dec.

APPROVED FACILITIES: A list of facilities approved to operate under orders is included in this mail out. Those facilities with a "2" (signifies approved for 2002) listed in the first column are approved to receive orders (these facilities are also in bold type). Those with a "1" in the first column are no longer approved to receive orders until the new inspection form has been received and processed by DIRAUX. SO-OPs – Please check this list before requesting orders to make sure facilities are approved for 2002.

NEW MEAL TIMES FOR PATROL MEAL REIMBURSEMENT: The new meal reimbursement times have been approved. Here are the times and the corresponding rates: Breakfast 0400-0800/\$1.83, Lunch 100-1400/\$3.45, Dinner 1600-2000/\$3.45, Midrats 2200-0200/\$1.83. This means that if you are on patrol (u/w) on orders during any of these times, you will be reimbursed for meals accordingly. This is a significant expansion from the previous times and will be a great help in getting proper reimbursement for Auxiliarists, especially during extended regatta patrols etc...

UPCOMING COXSWAIN ACADEMIES: The Eastern Area Coxswain Academy will be held June 13 – 23 at USCG ANT Kennewick. Some berthing is available. R/V spaces are available. A registration fee of \$59.00 (lunches, coffee etc...) will be charged to each applicant. If interested contact COMO Ralph Nicholas at (208) 850-0199. The Southern Area Academy will be held 3 – 14 June at CG Station Coos Bay. There will be no berthing available. R/V spaces are available (\$19.00 per night) Motels rates are \$45.00 (single) to \$50.00 per night (2 beds). If interested contact Gary Davis at (541) 756-7997 or Frank Ramer at (541) 269-4692. All DCPs and FCs received flyers on both academies with more information in this mail out.

AUXDATA, CERTIFICATIONS, AND ACTIVITY REPORTS: When IS officers enter activity reports into AUXDATA; the computer does not check if a member's certification is current before accepting the data. To prevent improper activity entries the DSO-IS has approved the following process: All activity reports will be submitted to the FSO-IS. The FSO-IS will review each form for accuracy, and will check AUXDATA to ensure that each member's certification is current in the listed activity. If all certifications are current, the FSO-IS will forward the activity report to the SO-IS for AUXDATA entry. If any member listed on the activity report does not have a current certification, the FSO-IS will note it on the activity report to prevent AUXDATA entry, and notify the member. The member is then responsible to rectify the certification problem working through the chain of leadership, starting at the flotilla level.

STAFF OFFICERS AND CERTIFICATIONS: To ensure the process in the above paragraph is successful, and to eliminate unnecessary work, the FSOs for OP, VE, IT, MDV, and AN need to be very proactive in managing their programs and participating members to ensure certifications are current and in AUXDATA before approving activities. (i. e. provide FSO-IS with up to date lists)

CURRENCY FORMS/FACILITY INSPECTIONS: When filling out these forms you do not need to put down the new member number. Please include your division and flotilla (i.e. 02-01, 10-05, 07-12 etc....)

ACTIVITY REPORTS: The new Activity Report asks for the Facility's Registration Number. Do not fill in your state number. Please continue to use your six digit D13 call sign.

ON THE WATER TRAINING CLARIFICATION: The following statement is from NACO Viggo Bertelsen clarifying some recent issues with OWT: " NO student, regardless of age, may operate an Auxiliary Facility while engaged in OWT. With respect to any other ordered activity in which an AUXFAC may be engaged, only Auxiliary Members, qualified under the Boat Crew Program or under instruction for qualification in the Boat Crew Program may operate the AUXFAC, and then under the direct supervision of the coxswain of the AUXFAC". This is vital information that all coxswains should remember during any mission under orders. Any activity outside the parameters stated by COMO Bertelsen would void any liability or other protections provided to AUXFAC under CG orders. I do not perceive this to be a problem in D13, but it is a subject worth a reminder.

2002 OPERATIONS WORKSHOP: For the past 2 years, the Operations Workshop has been optional in D13. The 2002 Operations Workshop is mandatory for all members involved in the Operations Program. The deadline for completion of the workshop is 1 June 2002. No CG orders will be issued to Auxiliary members who have not successfully completed the 2002 Ops Workshop by 1 June.

FACILITY AND CURRENCY MAINTENANCE LISTS: DCPs and FCs – each month you receive copies of these two lists showing which facilities and the boat crew personnel are up to date and can receive patrol orders. Please ensure these lists get to your SO-OPs and FSO-OPs.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

SK1 Nelson Fritz

TRAVEL ORDER INFO: When submitting a travel claim, remember not to include meals/banquets on Block 18 of the reimbursable expense field. All meals are paid to the member as per the local per diem rate, typically \$28 to 44 per day depending on location. Unfortunately, banquets usually exceed this window and there's nothing we can do to absorb these costs at this time.

BTI World Travel: Members wishing to do their own travel arrangements have the option of doing it directly through the airlines or using BTI World Travel (800-426-6602). The costs through BTI are higher but the e-tickets are fully refundable. If arrangements are made through BTI, we have just learned that they are now charging \$17.00 in addition to the service fee if you need to contact them on off-hours or weekends to make changes.

FROM THE COMPUTER SECTION

Ms. Bobbie Heim

BOBBIE'S RETIREMENT: I'm seriously considering retiring from Civil Service. I have served the federal government for over thirty-four years, and this may be enough time to achieve financial security. The CG Headquarters personnel staff is preparing a firm computation of my retirement stipend. If this computation works out, I'll spend more time with family, enroll in college art courses, and travel (Grand Canyon first). The truly difficult adjustment will be missing all the fine people in our organization. Possibly, in a year or so, it will be time to experience the joy of volunteer work, and then, I just may join the CG Auxiliary!

AUXDATA WEBSITE: We can open <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-o/cgaux/default.htm> for news about immediate AUXDATA changes. Some of the most recent progress has been with the PE program. For example, the program has a revised pick list, and many changes in the Activity Log details.

AUXDATA CR LIST: The AUXDATA development team continues to plan and review proposed changes. The main focus is getting the database to mirror the Auxiliary realities. The team's effort is reflected in dynamic AUXDATA CR list. The OSC programming staff keeps working on the list, and more modifications to the AUXDATA computer will be released next week.

FROM THE MEMBER STATUS SECTION

Ms. Shirley Blanchett

MEMBER NUMBERS: When submitting correspondence to the Member Status section, please include your flotilla number. On the New Enrollment application there is a place for the District and Flotilla numbers on the top right hand corner. The complete member number for each Auxiliarist now includes the District, Division, Flotilla, and Seven digit number provided by the AUXDATA computer system. Example: 130-00-00-0000000. You must include this whole number when submitting all correspondence.

AUXDATA CHANGEOVER: We are in the process of changing the Auxiliary member numbers on all of the member files in the DIRAUX office. We are also updating our ACCESS database to include the new Auxiliary member numbers for each Auxiliarist. This has caused some delays to requests sent into this office. Therefore, please anticipate this when making your requests by including extra days for the turnaround time. This is just a temporary inconvenience as we conform to the new AUXDATA computer system, please be patient.

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AUXILIARIST VOLUNTEER: The DIRAUX office has been receiving administrative help from Auxiliarist, ADAM GARDNER from flotilla 24. I would like to publicly thank Adam Gardner for the volunteer time that he has given this office. His efforts have helped to expedite processing of the Sustained Auxiliary Service Awards and the Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Awards. Through his efforts the DIRAUX office is better able to serve our Auxiliarists. Kudos to you Adam!

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT AUXILIARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Meeting - Event	Location	D13 DIRUAX REP
8 May	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
10-12 May	Sea Clbrtn, US & C CG AUX	Ketchikan, AK	TBD
13 May	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
14 May	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	LCDR Boodell
17-19 May	Division 10	Helena, MT	LCDR Boodell & CWO McKiernan
23 May	Division 1	MT Vernon, WA	LCDR Boodell
31 May – 2 June	Eastern Area Conf & Div 11	Glenn's Ferry, ID	LCDR Boodell & CWO McKiernan
31 May - 2 June	Division 6	Garibaldi, OR	CWO Belona
5-10 June	ROSEFEST	Portland, OR	
8 June	PWC Demo	Port Angeles, WA	LCDR Boodell & CWO McKiernan
7-9 June	AUXAIR Fly-in	AIRSTA Astoria	CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
10 Jun	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	CWO McKiernan & CWO Belona
11 Jun	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
12 Jun	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	CWO Belona
22 Jun	Div 4 Mtg, P. L. Beach Club	Port Ludlow, WA	CWO Bellona
28, 29 & 30 June	Southern Area Conference	Vancouver, WA	LCDR Boodell & CWO Bellona
8 Jul	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
9 Jul	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
10 Jul	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
14 Jul	Div 4 Mtg (Picnic)	TBD	TBD
14-25 July	SEAHAWK	Indian Island	
19, 20 & 21 July	EXCOM MTG	Garibaldi, OR	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan Bellona
25-28 July	Columbia Cup	Kennewick, WA	
1-4 Aug	SEAFAIR	Seattle, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
3 Aug	DIV 5 Picnic	Roseburg, OR	TBD
12 Aug	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
13 Aug	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
14 Aug	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
16, 17 & 18 Aug	Northern Area Conference	Bremerton, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
28-31 Aug	NTNL Conference (NACON)	Orlando, FL	LCDR Boodell & CWO Belona
9 Sep	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
10 Sep	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
11 Sep	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
19-21 Sep	13 TH Dist Mtg & Elections	Spokane, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
26 Sep	Div 1 Mtg, Cranberry Tree	Mt Vernon WA	TBD
8 Oct	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
9 Oct	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
12-13 Oct	Div 8 Mtg	Richland, WA	CWO Bellona
12 Oct	Div 4 Mtg, P. T. Yacht Club	Port Townsend	TBD
14 Oct	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
18-20 Oct	Div 11 Mtg.	Jackpot, NV	LCDR Boodell
18-20 Oct	Div 5 Mtg.	Klamath Falls OR	TBD
8-10 Nov	NTNL Pac Area Mtg (NAPM)	Alameda, CA	LCDR Boodell
11 Nov	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
12 Nov	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
13 Nov	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
15, 16 & 17 Nov	EXCOM MTG	Tri Cities, WA	LCDR Boodell & CWO Bellona

This calendar includes information provided to DIRAUX. Please notify DIRAUX of changes or corrections. Bobbie. Heim, in AUXMIS section, E-mail: bheim@pacnorwest.uscg.mil is the person to contact.

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